

Crisis of refugees and forcibly displaced persons from Oromia and southern nations of SNNPR and Sidama regional states: On March 7, 2021, hundreds of fleeing migrants who had been forcibly detained in Yemen were killed and injured in deliberate fire at a detention center in Yemen. (See: Human Rights Watch).

It appears that Abiy Ahmed's promises made in 2018 to transition Ethiopia into a democracy has slid back to authoritarianism, causing an influx of people from Oromia, SNNPR, and Sidama regional states to countries in the Middle East seeking refuge, many of which have found themselves stuck in war-torn countries like Yemen. Increasing state brutality against local dissenting populations from special police, local police, army, and Republican guard is mounting dramatically. These circumstances are causing a massive outflow of migrants seeking safety and work. Ethiopia is on the brink of entirely destabilizing. It is critical for a national dialogue, which includes opposition leaders, parties, and stakeholders, to be convened by an independent third party to address and resolve the complex crises ravaging the country. As stated above, the window of time is rapidly closing for the United States to leverage its influence in a way that salvages prospects for democracy in this vitally important country and region.

IN RECOGNITION OF BAY LINK
MANUFACTURING AND THEIR
EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE TO
NORTHEAST WISCONSIN

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to extend my sincere appreciation to the Bay Link Manufacturing team at Green Bay West High School for constructing an American Flag pull-up bar for display.

Bay Link Manufacturing is a manufacturing learning lab located in West High School that is used to immerse students in real-world experiences through completing projects for local companies in the areas of welding, machine fabrication, and metals. Bay Link Manufacturing began when the Green Bay Area Public School District recognized that our future depends on creating a highly-skilled workforce to sustain our communities. In 2014, the Green Bay Area Public School District partnered with Northeast Wisconsin Technical College and the NEW Manufacturing Alliance to create Bay Link Manufacturing.

This outstanding program is available to Juniors and Seniors enrolled throughout the Green Bay Area Public School District and prepares students to attend a two- or four-year college or those who enter the workforce in the field of manufacturing and engineering. Since 2014, the Bay Link students have produced a lengthy portfolio that recognizes their hard work and dedication to their craft. The Bay Link program has completed projects for

companies including Georgia-Pacific, Green Bay Police Department S.W.A.T. team, KI, and ACE Marine. I commend the Bay Link Team for the outstanding services that they have provided to the students at the Green Bay School District and to businesses throughout Northeast Wisconsin.

The Bay Link Manufacturing program provides local employers throughout Northeast Wisconsin with the opportunity to train future employees to ensure that the manufacturing sector continues to grow. The Bay Link Manufacturing program at West High School is a true credit to Northeast Wisconsin. The American Flag pull-up bar they have displayed in my District Office is one step closer to fulfilling my dream of having a pull-up bar in every airport and I want to extend my sincere thanks to the Bay Link Manufacturing students for making that a reality.

Madam Speaker, please join me in extending my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Bay Link Manufacturing team at West High School for their work on the American Flag pull-up bar and all they do for Northeast Wisconsin.

HONORING TERRENCE J. "TERRY"
BOBROWSKI

**HON. CHARLES J. "CHUCK"
FLEISCHMANN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Terry Bobrowski and recognize a lifetime of service to his community.

For 35 years, Terry served East Tennessee communities through his work at the East Tennessee Development District. Terry led as the Executive Director from February 2002 until his retirement earlier this year. Terry previously served the ETDD as Director of Economic Development. Under Terry's stewardship, the ETDD established a Planning Advisory service that transitioned a major community planning program from the State of Tennessee to provide expert assistance for strategic planning to communities throughout the East Tennessee region. ETDD also maintains a public infrastructure inventory database, provides GIS support to help communities throughout this region make data-driven planning decisions, and assists federal agencies in providing services throughout the region.

Terry has also served his community, lending his leadership to several local and national organizations. Terry served as President and Board Member for the National Association of Development Organizations, past National Chairman of the Rural Transportation Planning Task Force, past Chair of the Tennessee Development District Association, past Board Member of the Community Reuse Organization of East Tennessee, past Board Member of the Southeast Regional Directors Institute, and is a member of the East Tennessee Industrial Council, the Tennessee Economic Development Council, and the American Economic Development Council.

Terry has been a recognized subject matter expert in rural and regional planning. During his career, Terry has provided testimony to the President's Rural Development Task Force, the U.S. Senate Steering Committee on Rural

Development, and the U.S. House Subcommittee on Transportation & Infrastructure.

It is with great pleasure that I extend my heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Terry Bobrowski for his years of service with the East Tennessee Development District and wish him the very best in his retirement.

CONGRATULATING DANIEL QUIN-
TANA FOR WINNING THE WASH-
INGTON STATE 1B/2B BOYS
CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Daniel Quintana of Ilwaco High School for winning the Washington state 1B/2B boys cross country championship. In his senior year, Daniel achieved the rare feat of winning a second consecutive state cross country title.

The COVID-19 pandemic limited many of our prep athletes from competing during the 2020 season, yet high school athletes like Daniel have demonstrated the ability to adapt and persevere in these competitions. For Daniel, that perseverance has paid off in a big way.

Competing in prep sports is a wonderful opportunity to learn lessons in discipline, focus, work ethic, and comradery. Winning a state title is a momentous achievement Daniel can be proud of for the rest of his life, and I have confidence he will find success using the lessons he learned while competing in cross country. Go Fishermen.

HONORING KURT RICHTER

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

Ms. SLOTKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an essential member of our team who helped us identify—and eventually evacuate—vulnerable Afghans after the fall of Kabul, Dr. Kurt Richter of Michigan State University.

If you read his biography on the university website, you'll learn that Dr. Richter is a nationally-recognized leader of international development implementation. For over 25 years, he's been a dedicated academic, and administrator, devoted to improving lives abroad. His work has taken him around the world to some of the most complex and challenging environments for international development, from Guatemala to Georgia, South Sudan to Tajikistan.

However, it's in his role as director of the Grain Research and Innovation (GRAIN) programs at MSU that he was connected to scientists in Afghanistan working to grow wheat in arid conditions. It's essential research, particularly in a country where shortages of wheat are the primary causes for hunger and economic instability. But when the Taliban began advancing, and finally took Kabul, their connection to an American university and USAID funding put them in grave danger.